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The Office Communication indicated that this application fails to comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 because Figure 15 contains two nucleotide sequences that

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have not been identified with SEQ ID NOs. The Office Communication goes on to state that the sequences were not listed in the paper copy, in the computer readable format, or in the specification.

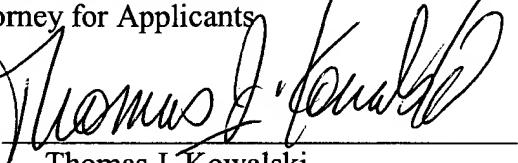
The Examiner's attention is directed to SEQ ID NOs: 4 and 5 of the Sequence Listing submitted on November 29, 2001. These sequences correspond to the sequences shown in Figure 15. Further, the Preliminary Amendment that was filed with the Sequence Listing on November 29, 2001 inserted a reference to these sequences in the specification. (See the first sentence on page 2 of the Preliminary Amendment.)

Accordingly, this application is believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. Applicants look forward to examination of this application on the merits.

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